13. For construction of 3-Star Beach Resort at Ganpatipule Bhandarpule, Distt. Ratnagiri, Maharashtra-M/s. Krishnali Beach Resorts Pvt. Ltd.	May, 1993	Considered by the expert Committee.
14. Construction of Worli Bandra Link Road in Bombay.	July, 1993	Received recently.

Encroachment of Forest Land

2736. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the encroachment of forest land by the people;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being take by Government to make forest land free from any encroachment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Incidents of encroachment of forest land by the people have been brought to the notice of Government of India periodically. The details regarding encroachments on forest land are maintained in the States/Union territories concerned, at divisional level. Government of India has taken following measures to prevent encroachment of forest land :

(i) National Forest Policy, 1980 states that encroachment of forest land has been on the increase and this trend has to be arrested and effective action taken to prevent its continuance.

(ii) The Forest Policy also stipulates that people's participation in management of the forests should be encouraged.

(iii) Under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, encroachment of forest land has been declared an offence.

(iv) State Governments carry out eviction of encroachments periodically along with Revenue authorities.

Clearing the Garbage from the Route to The Everest and other Himalayan Peaks

2737. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are tyring to clear the garbage from the route to the Everest and other Himalayan Peaks;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved in the objectives so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (c) Clean up campaigns for collecting garbage have been launched by some voluntary organisations, police personnels in border areas & sponsoring institutions. Special expeditions were sent earlier to clear the garbage, to the extent possible, from the routes used frequently. A code of conduct has been prescribed by the Himalayan Mountaineering Foundation regarding management and disposal of garbage. Government has also made a policy statement for having a strict regulation of the tourists activities in the sensitive areas like that of the Himalayan region.

Kaziranga National Park in Assam

2738. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Kaziranga National Park in Assam is regularly eroded by the flood and innumerable wild lives die every year during flood;

(b) what are the measures taken by Government to prevent erosion of the park;

(c) what is the number of animals died during the last flood in Assam; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) The Kaziranga National Park of Assam falls in the flood plain of the Brahmaputra river and a large portion of it gets inundated every year by flood which is a natural phenomenon for the